



WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

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PUCK. — Allow me, Major, to congratulate you on your coming inauguration, and to offer you this little Christmas gift, to decorate your private office in the White House.



#### PRISCILLA'S FURS.

THE NORTH WIND bold blows keen and cold,  
The snow one's visions blurs;  
But clear an eye as she goes by—  
Priscilla in her furs

Both chic and warm, she braves the storm,  
And ne'er at cold demurs;  
She safely trusts in Winter's gusts—  
Priscilla in her furs!

O Summer Maids! your beauty fades,  
For it is naught to hers,  
Whose fair cheeks flush with Winter's blush—  
Priscilla in her furs!

Ah! speed the day when I can say—  
The thought my life-blood stirs—  
That just for me and Love will be  
Priscilla in her furs!

Wood Levette Wilson.

#### A CURRENCY PROBLEM.

SHE. — It does n't seem to me that twenty-two dollars per capita is enough money to transact the business of the country.

HE. — Why not?

SHE. — Just think of the quantity of money needed for Christmas shopping!

#### A HINT TO THE BARBER.

"My experience," said the foot-ball youth  
When the season at last was done,  
"Has not been fatal, though, in truth,  
A most hair-raising one."



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#### HER SUIT OF HIRSUTE.

LIVING SKELETON.—I see the bearded woman is back. Where has she been?

RUBBER-NECKED MAN.—Oh! she went out West in the beginning of the campaign and married a Populist who was running for office. It elected him, and now she'll be with us until next campaign.



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#### NO REASON FOR SURPRISE.

MRS. DOGOOD.—No; you are the man I gave to last week, and I saw you go directly to a saloon.

THIRSTY THROCKMORTON.—Did yer t'ink I wuz goin' to buy an ice-cream sody?

#### FALLING OFF.

MRS. THIRDLEIGH.—The attendance at church is falling off deplorably, dear.

REV. THIRDLEIGH (*grimly*).—Yes; ever since our parishioners have taken to riding the bicycle!

#### WHAT HE MEANT.

MR. JOHNSON.—I seed George wearin' one ob dem negligée shirts.

MR. BLACK.—What yo' mean by er negligée shirt?

MR. JOHNSON.—One what hab n't been washed fo' t'ree weeks.



#### WAYS AND MEANS.

JONES.—It is important that there should be an exact legal definition of a meal.

SMITH.—Yes. Do you think a special session of the Legislature should be called, or should the definition be incorporated in the State Constitution?

#### IN HAVANA.

FIRST CITIZEN.—General Weyler has set out to see if he can not find Maceo.

SECOND CITIZEN.—And do you think he will succeed in not finding him?



# A Plea

OH, ERE the season speeds away  
And leaves both saint and sinner,  
Good Lord! deliver us from a  
New England Christmas dinner!

We've eaten it when we were boys,  
With powers recuperative,  
And lived to taste of other "joys"  
That were not purely native.

But that, Good Lord! was long ago,  
When we were young and comic;  
No longer do we seek to know  
Such horrors gastronomic.

Give us, instead, a meal that's led  
By bivalve lilliputian;  
A potage clear and cherry-red,  
Above all base dilution.

A trout fished from the parent stream  
In all its pristine splendor;  
A bird almost — not quite — a dream,  
A salad crisp and tender.

Much more than this may others try:  
This be *our* simple manna.  
A taste of wine that's cold and dry:  
Café — a clear Havana.

'T is all we ask. Such diet may  
Perchance leave us much thinner;  
But, Lord! deliver us from a  
New England Christmas dinner!

Tom Masson.



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## AN INFERENCE.

SHE. — No; I never met her.  
HE. — Then, why do you think she is *passée*?  
SHE. — I have frequently heard her described as "kittenish."

## KNOW HIS REQUIREMENTS.

SHOE CLERK. — You could wear a size smaller than those.  
CUSTOMER (*from the interior*). — I s'pose I could, young man, and  
mebbe I would if it wuz made an object, but you jest gimme the same  
size I'm wearin' now.

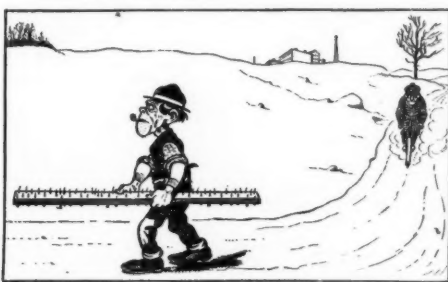
## AN APOLOGY.

SHE. — She is doing  
her best to fascinate  
that widower. Of course  
he has considerable  
means.

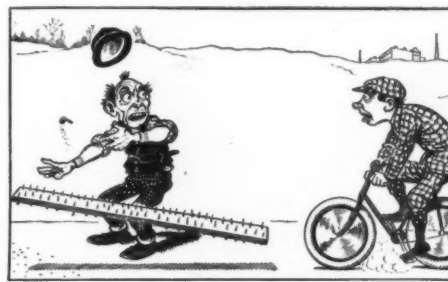
HE. — Perhaps she  
thinks the means justify  
the end.

THE MAN who claims  
that the world owes  
him a living is apt to  
be more or less in debt,  
himself.

## AN UNFORTUNATE DROP.



PAT. — Oi tell yez phwat, — a man has to be careful  
a-carryin' a board full o' nails loike this!



BICYCLIST (*angrily ringing his bell*). — Get out of  
the road, you Irish tarrier!

## MADE TO ORDER.

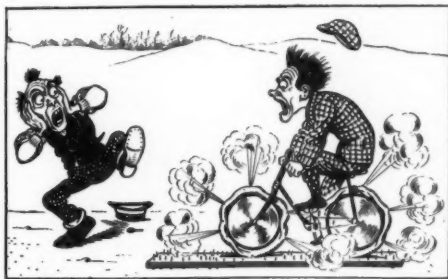
"Why have you se-  
lected Christmas, of all  
times, for a period of  
dissipation?"

"I want to have a  
sincere and truthful  
*preamble*, at least, for  
my New Year's resolu-  
tions."

YOU WILL never  
reach the top of  
the ladder if you are too  
careful where you step.



PAT. — Fer th' love av Hivin! yez frightened me!

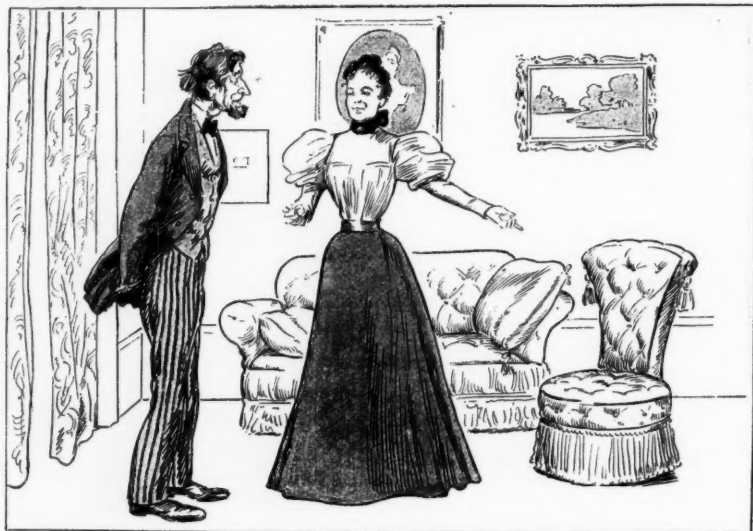


THE BICYCLIST (*as he strikes the upturned nails*). —  
—!!\*\*——!!\*\*——!!????\*\*!



PAT. — Thot felly 'll be more careful how he fright-  
ens th' loife out av a gintleman wid a board full o'  
nails, th' next toime!

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MRS. DE STYLE (*showing her country cousin through her home*).—Yes, cousin Silas, this is our drawing-room. Take a seat, I will be back in a moment.



COUSIN SILAS.—Well, I'll be derved! These city folks do go in fer havin' things easy! I never set in such a comfortable chair in all my life.

#### HE WAS GRATEFUL.

WELL-MEANING STRANGER (*meeting Languid Leary*).—Say, there's a farmer down that road who wants to hire men, to help him thresh wheat.

LANGUID LEARY (*gratefully*).—Thankee, sir! thankee! I might have gone down that way, accidental like; but now I kin avoid de locality.

#### HAD N'T HEARD OF IT.

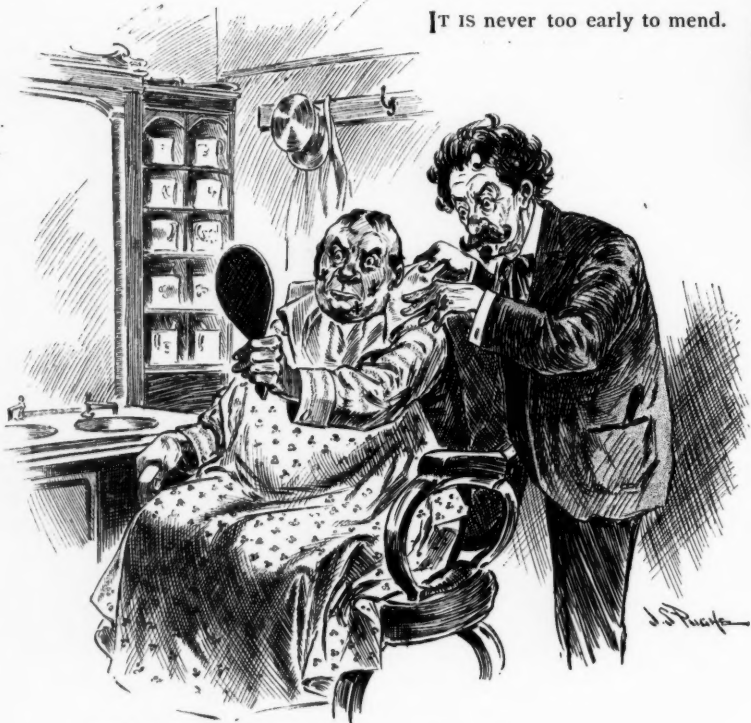
SLUGSON.—What's that ye're reading?

BATTERSON (*the trainer*).—Story 'f David an' Goliar. Light-weight, name 'f David, stacks up agin a ten-tonner named Goliar, an'—

SLUGSON.—Gits licked, 'f course, fer goin' out 'f his class. Where did dis happen—out in Californy?

WOMEN MAY be divided into two classes: those who are married, and those who hope to be.

IT IS never too early to mend.



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#### ART.

CUSTOMER.—Your sign says you are a tonsorial artist.

BARBER.—Yes, sir.

CUSTOMER (*contemplating gashes in his face*).—Don't you think you ought also to specify that you are an impressionist?



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#### HER QUESTION.

MISS GIDDIGIRL.—And you really visited Borneo?

RETURNED TRAVELER.—Yes.

MISS GIDDIGIRL.—Tell me, did you see the—ah!—wild man?

#### TO BE HOPED.

MAMA.—Freddy's teacher is so pretty! I believe half the boys in her class are determined to marry her when they grow up.

PAPA.—But I trust she has other prospects.

#### A THEORY.

MARIE.—He seemed somewhat dissatisfied, although I assured him that he held the first place in my heart.

EDITH.—Perhaps he fears that some one else may be a close second.



# HIS IDEA.



"AM TOLD, Mr. Peavy," said the drummer, who was lounging on the porch of the leading grocery store in an Indiana village, "that you call your infant son Li Hung Chang. Is that really his name?"

"Yep," replied the honest Hoosier; "I reckon it is."

"Pardon me, but what in the world prompted you to bestow such an outlandish name as that on the child?"

"Wal, I'll tell you," answered Mr. Peavy, slowly removing the stem of his well-seasoned cob-pipe from his mouth; "he was born a spell before election, when it was uncertain which candidate would win, an' I did n't feel like takin' the risk of havin' him go through life disfiggered with the name of a defeated office-seeker."

"The common names, like John an' Henry an' Bud an' so on, was all taken up amongst our immediate kin-folks, an' struck me as bein' pretty considerably overworked by the community in general,

into the... Wife wanted to plaster onto him the name of Algernon, which she had read in a novel, an', as I did n't want the boy to turn out to be a... player or a barber or a stamp collector or suthin' of the kind that... to support as long as he lived, I was jest about as strongly... to the name of Algernon as she was in favor of it, which is sayin'... good deal.

"Fin... right smart of debatin' an' dickerin' over it, we sorter compromised... matter, an' wife agreed to let me do the namin' if I'd select suthin' common, and, at the same time, sorter picturesque. Accordin',... kin' the situation up one side and down the other, I concluded... the Chinese statesman was old enough so that there was n't much danger of his cuttin' up any tricks that would disgrace the name, an' he had gone home to Chiny, anyhow, which is so far away that we shan't be liable to hear about it if he did, all things considered, I'd... about the proper handle for the baby, an' duly spliced it onto him. That's the way he happened to become Li Hung Chang Peavy."

Tom P. Morgan.



# HIS PLEA.

DRUG CLERK.—I can't sell liquor, except for medicinal purposes. They're very strict in this town.

STRANGER.—Could n't I get some whiskey for a pain? This town gives me one.

# RESENTED.

YOUNG MAN.—I understand that you have been talking to my uncle about the foolishness of saving money that he can't possibly use.

THE MINISTER.—But your uncle hardly allows himself the necessities of life in his eagerness to save money.

YOUNG MAN.—That's all right; but that is about the only amusement the poor old gentleman has, and you should n't interfere with it.

# WITHOUT REGARD TO NUMBER.

JONES.—I suppose that young Dr. Brown has very few patients yet?

SMITH.—He has n't many; but I think he has more than he knows what to do with.

# HE OBSERVED TOO MUCH.

PAPA.—Don't you think he is very large for his age?—only fourteen months.

FRIEND.—Ye-es. Do you know, I've observed that most babies are very large for their age.

# MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

COUSIN MAY.—Goodness! You have cut off some of your curls! What will Mama say?

FREDDY.—I don't know what she'll say, but she'll have to get the rest of them cut off.

# JUST TO KEEP UP THE CONVERSATION.

SHE.—To think of Beethoven being deaf!

CHOLLY.—But he must have considered it an advantage, some times, when he listened to some people playing his sonatas.

HE WHO relies on posterity to do him justice will not feel the pain of disappointment.

SOME WOMEN will flirt desperately with every other available man in order to conceal the fact that they are in love with you.



# A BRIGHT FUTURE.

IKEY.—Fader, I got dot chob in der stock broker's office.

FADER.—So? Mind your work, Ikey, undt some day you might be run of dem Vall Street sharks.



# HE OBJECTED TO BRADY'S BRAND.

BRADY.—There's nothin' better than a good poipe of tobacky.

BROWN.—Unless it's a pipe of good tobacco.



APPROPRIATE.

AUNT GEEHAW (*puzzled*).—I wonder what the swell city folks have at the "pink teas" we read about 'em givin', Joshua?

UNCLE GEEHAW (*wisely*).—Why, peanuts, I s'pose, like the circus folks have with their pink lemonade.

THE BEAN PATÉ.



THE BEAN PATÉ! One of the first signs of New York's advancement which strikes a visiting stranger is our new and original way of serving Boston's sacred fruit, the bean, at our quick-lunch dispensaries; that is, in patés of ornamental form, such as butter is prepared in some places; and I am going, herein, to explain the way we do it, for the stranger's benefit and for that of housewives at large.

The lovely and reserved waiter-girl is the originator of the bean paté; and her modus operandi in turning them out is simplicity itself. She takes an ordinary plate of beans, and, directly upon them, places a plate of soup, or a second plate of beans—sometimes a whole dinner order—forcing the upper plate or plates, down firmly, as though she were pressing Autumn leaves in the family dictionary. She then merely has to raise the above dish, or dishes, from your order of beans, when reaching your table, and, presto! there is the beautiful bean paté, with the symmetrical nether outline of a plate's bottom stamped so clearly and artistically upon it that the beholder pauses in mute admiration, and reverentially hesitates before rudely desecrating the rare symphony with knife and fork.

Con Converse.

THE NEXT STEP.

BROWN.—I wonder who said, "you can't get blood out of a stone"?

JONES.—Don't know. If you find out, you can proceed to investigate how much he owed.

A BLOW.

JULIA.—Cholly was disappointed in London.

LILLIAN.—How is that?

JULIA.—Nobody took him for a native.

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CHRISTMAS.

We make resolutions all Summer,  
And yet when it comes, you may bet,  
It's the same old story all over,—  
"I'm not half prepared for it yet!"

THE BULLETS TOOK EFFECT.

FIRST BURGLAR.—He did n't do yer much harm wid his revolver, did he?

SECOND BURGLAR.—He did n't? He smashed some valyable brickybrac that I might just as well had as not.

HIS VERSION.

"Zhe Scrip'ures are ri' about one zhing, gen'lemen," said Kidder, who had taken several cheering glasses to drown his trouble.

"Zasso?" queried Soakington, who had been ably assisting Kidder to hold his trouble under.

"Yesh; ri' about it's being zharper 'n a serp—hic!—ent's thanks t' have a teething child."



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THE DAWN OF A SCHEME.

THE COUNT.—In Utah, I believe, polygamy is permitted.

THE BARON.—Indeed! And are the girls rich?

MORE IMPORTANT.

VISITOR (*looking at baby*).—Is he good?

PAPA.—No-o; but see how big he is!

NOT HIS STYLE.

PAPA.—I don't think that young fellow cares much for Clara.

MAMA.—Why, he comes to see her nearly every night!

PAPA.—But he never stays after eleven.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.  
'T was but a little chance remark,—  
She was too sharp, I said;  
When next I met her on the street,  
By Jove! she cut me dead.

David H. Talmadge.

A BRUTE.

SHE.—No, thank you; I don't care to know him. He is a most detestable person.

HE.—There must be some mistake. Everybody speaks well of him.

SHE.—I don't care. He was one of the judges at the dog show and he would n't give poor little Fido a prize.

A QUESTION.

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Pa, is it really worth while to hear both sides of everything?

MR. CALLIPERS.—Certainly, my son!

LITTLE CLARENCE.—You ought to know, Pa; but I can't understand how it would be of any advantage to hear both sides of a bass drum.

IN THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN.

THE MERMAID.—Do you really love me so much?

THE MERMAN.—Dearest! I could be happy with you in a dime-museum!

HIS MISAPPREHENSION.

JAY GREEN.—That feller over there owns a madstone.

CITY COUSIN.—Good gracious! Has it bitten anybody yet?



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NOT QUALIFIED TO SPEAK.

THE SUBURBANITE.—I believe that Letters, the English author, who was in this country last year, mentions our little town unfavorably in his book.

HIS WIFE.—What can he know about it? He was n't here as long as the average cook.





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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

**THE FIRST DUTY.** IT is recorded in the public prints that President-elect McKinley read President Cleveland's message to Congress "more carefully than he ordinarily reads anything;" and that the reading of the paragraphs devoted to the tariff "was accompanied by a peculiar facial expression" indicating disbelief in the arguments used. A habit of reticence formed during the late campaign seems to have prevented a fuller disclosure of his views, and whether he has caught or missed the meaning of the contest through which we have just passed is not yet known. It is possible that he still believes the American people are eating the husks of repentance for having once repudiated his tariff bill; but, if he is really alive to the lessons of the election, he must be firm in the conviction that the currency, rather than the tariff, has the first claim upon his attention. Our financial and banking system is admittedly defective; and until its evils are remedied it is bound to remain a fair mark for all hare-brained reformers, amateur millennium-makers and the day-dreamers of socialism. It is conventional to account these elements a small force; yet, when it is remembered that they mustered six million on last election day, it should be seen that there is no time to lose in bringing about a radical reform of our currency system. If Mr. McKinley and his aids get promptly to this work and do it well, there will be no free-silver scare four years hence, for a majority of last November's Bryanites will be made thereby to see their error. But if there is to be only paltering and evasion and no real currency reform, then it is just as certain, not only that the six million Bryanites will be confirmed in their heresy, but that their ranks will be swelled by hordes of disgusted or disheartened deserters from the Sound Money camp. Mr. McKinley has been elected by Sound Money Democrats. They voted for him not as a Protectionist but as the champion of honest money, rightly conceiving the tariff to be a minor affair that could be adjusted after the

danger was past. If he is wise he will take this view for his own, and defer any tariff tinkering he may have in mind until the country's more pressing need has been met. For, unless the Republican party can point to adequate currency reforms in 1900, both it and the country will be in a bad way.

THE JINGOS CONVALESCENT.

THERE HAS come a very marked abatement in the fever of Jingoism that ran so high a few months ago. Election-day seems to have been its turning-point. Prior to that fateful day stricken Republicans raved in wild delirium, their chief hallucination being that their country was sacredly bound to go to war with some other country — any old country — and that any suggestion of moderation or restraint came necessarily from a traitor. Yet, with the election but six weeks in the past, the reception of President Cleveland's message indicates that this delirium has almost wholly subsided, and that the temperature of the body politic, for the first time in four years, is but little above normal. Republican leaders are no longer in a position where they may denounce and threaten without responsibility, and their calmer behavior denotes their realization of the change. Toward Cuba and her struggle the President has stated the position of the United States clearly, forcibly and with able good sense; and it is gratifying to note that the most rabid of ante-election Jingos cheerfully admit the truth and justice of his words. He has not ignored or underestimated the widespread sympathy which our people, as individuals, feel for the Cuban cause; yet he has not allowed the clamor of loose talk to confuse his notions of our responsibility as a nation. Not the least glowing praise which future historians will accord him, we think, will be that for his courage, wisdom and tact in keeping us free from international complications. And a significant proof that he has been courageous, wise and tactful lies in the approval of his course which his late detractors are now forced to show.

THE PLAGUE OF EXPERTS.

THE RECENT trial in this city of an Italian girl who had killed her faithless lover shows that the taking of expert testimony at murder trials has come to be a poor farce. The Alienist has his legitimate place in any enlightened system of criminal jurisprudence, but that place must be one of absolute freedom from the influence of either State or defendant. At present he is at the service of either for hire, and it is a matter of professional pride with him to establish whatever his employer wishes. Hired by the State he is prepared to testify that the murderer was of sound mind when the act was committed. Hired by the defence he is ready to prove that the prisoner was irresponsible. The murderer hires a trio of experts and the State, not to be outpointed, hires a like number. They contradict each other flatly on the witness stand. The result is that the jury, in addition to passing on the legitimate evidence in the case, must determine which set of experts lied. This is not only an imposition on all concerned, but it may easily work a grave injustice to an accused person, since his fate must often depend upon which side has secured the most capable perjurers. If this abuse is let to run it will give every criminal the privilege of buying his acquittal.

**"QUEEN OF THE TIDES."**  
RIGHT MOON! as everybody knows  
Thou sway'st the tide that ebbs and flows;  
And they who gaze upon thy light —  
The glory of the Summer night —  
The while bright eyes beside them gaze  
And sweet lips softly speak thy praise,  
May find that thou art swaying then  
The "tide in the affairs of men." W. M.

FLIM-FLAMMED.

FIRST CLUB STEWARD. — Say, how did you come out in your Christmas box?

SECOND CLUB STEWARD (*gloomily*). — Short! I slid in ten dollars, myself, to make it heavy and draw more; but when I opened it, day after Christmas, there was only five dollars and fifteen cents there, all told!

HIS VIEW.

BROWN. — Do you believe in Civil Service Reform?

JONES (*who has failed to pass an examination*). — I do. The questions should be made easier.

MODESTY.

SHE. — Mr. Fullback never boasts of his foot-ball exploits, does he?

HE. — No. I understand that he has nearly killed half a dozen men, but he never says a word about it.

THE MYSTERIES OF FINANCE.

MUNN. — One plan is to retire the greenbacks, — destroy them as fast as they come into the possession of the Government.

MRS. MUNN. — Destroy them? Goodness! There are ever so many people who would be glad to have them.

"DID THE full force of the Prince of Wales' motto ever strike you?"

"What, 'Ich dien'? It means, 'I serve.'"

"Yes; and, 'They also serve who only stand and wait.'"



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A DEFINITION.

LITTLE HORATIO. — Pa, what is a critic?

WALKER FARR (*the eminent tragedian*). — A man who does n't know a good thing when he sees it, my son.



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CONVALES

UNCLE SAM (to his three eminent doctors of different schools).— Say, gentlemen, I'm getting over my prostration so fast that





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stration so fast that all I need is a good dose of that bottle on the table, and you can throw all this stuff here out of the window!

A PROPITIOUS MOMENT.

JACK.—When your palm itches, it means money, does n't it?

TOM.—So they say.

JACK.—If I knew an heiress, I'd propose.

EXTENDING THE PRINCIPLE.

MAMA.—"Children should be seen and not heard."

JOHNNY.—I wish our teacher thought so.

A SOFTER SNAP.

DOLLY SWIFT.—You may talk of the romance of a bicycle built for two, but—

SALLY GAY.

—What can be nicer?

DOLLY SWIFT.—A buggy built apparently for one.

EASY TO PLEASE.

HE.—I know this is a beautiful place, and it must have many ties for you; but would not you be willing to live anywhere else?

HIS SUBURBAN FIANCEE.—Oh, yes!—anywhere else! I have lived here all my life.

ONE TRANSLATION.

"Is there any English equivalent of 'raconteur'?"

"Well, 'bore' fills the bill in some cases."

LOVE'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

THE STORY OF AN UNFORTUNATE HINT.



ANGELICA.—Oh, I do love dogs! I have always had the greatest desire to own a dog. They are such noble, affectionate creatures.



INFORMATION EXPECTED.

BRIDGET.—Faith, I always wondered what them things cost; but it won't be long now before I'll be tould.

IN DAYS OF OLD.

"The hired girl is going to leave," said Methusaleh's wife.

"Of course," replied the old gentleman. "That makes a hundred and sixty-one hired girls we've had since we've been married. It's very odd that you can't get a girl to stay more than three years in one place."

WHEN ROGUES fall out, honest men get what they might have had by standing together in the first place.



A LIFE INSURANCE agent may be described as a man who procures policies for people who don't want their lives insured.

A CONJECTURE.

HE.—Who said, "Handsome is as handsome does?"

SHE.—Probably somebody who was n't.

SOLOMON WAS a wise man, but he was n't wise enough to take his own advice.

THE BASHFUL man is the worst plunger when he gets started.



CHARLEY SAPPINGTON.—Ah! what shall I buy my fair Angelica for a Christmas present? Something that will down my hated rival! Ye gods! I have it. She wants a dog! I will buy her one.



WILLY GUSHINGTON.—What, oh, what shall I get Angelica for a Christmas present? Something that will outdo that hated Charley Sappington! She wants a dog. By Cupid! a dog it shall be!

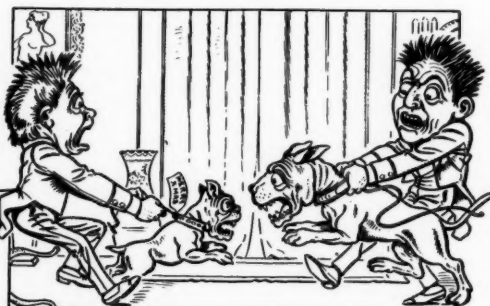


CHARLEY SAPPINGTON (Christmas Eve).—You can bet your life Gushington will be sick when he finds out the present I give Angelica! This present will win her—and, incidentally, her money—I'll wager.

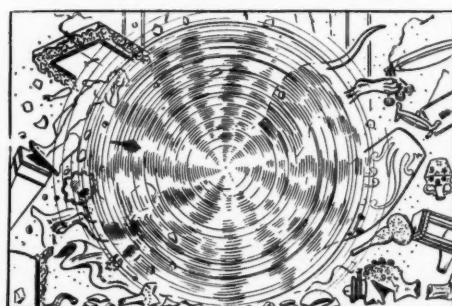


SERVANT.—Yes, sir, Miss Angelica will be down in wan moment, sir. Just walk in th' parlor an' take a sate.

WILLY GUSHINGTON.—Oh, say! this present will be a winner, you can bet your bottom dollar. It will make that confounded Sappington wish he had never entered the race.



CHARLEY.—!!!!!!  
WILLY.—!!!!!!



—!—?—!!—!!!



ANGELICA'S PAPA (entering parlor after the battle).—What do you scoundrels mean by turning my parlor into a dog-pit? Drag away your dead brutes—and away with you both! Never enter my house again.



CONSTABLE.—Mr. Sappington, here is a bill for five hundred dollars for half the damage done by your dog to furniture in your friend Angelica's father's house. He gives you three days to pay it in, or he will bring suit against you.



CONSTABLE.—Mr. Gushington, here is a bill for half the damage done to furniture, bric-à-brac, etc., in the house you took that dog to last night. You will have to pay it in three days or stand a suit.





#### AN IMPROVEMENT.

MR. YOUNGHUSBAND (*reading*).—Ha!—they have finally invented a machine that will photograph sound.

MRS. YOUNGHUSBAND.—Well—what of it?

MR. YOUNGHUSBAND.—Why, I think the baby would take better that way than any other.

#### SETTING THE TIME.

"THE time has come!" His fond eyes dilated with the excess of love that, long suppressed and held in control, now blazed forth with unrestrained vigor, his rich contralto voice trembling with its weight of happiness; the young lover turned toward the girl whom he had so long been devoted to, and, holding out his arms, he continued more calmly:

"Yes, my darling, I am glad to say that the long hours of waiting, of suspense on your part, and of severe privation and hard work on mine, are at last to be rewarded. Since the happy evening, now some eight months past, when I first confided to you the passionate love that animated my whole being, and when, in response, you revealed the state of your heart, I have been toiling with one end in view, and that was to place myself in a position where we could be joined together in those bonds which no man dare put asunder. By strict economy during these long, weary months of waiting, I have succeeded in amassing a sum which, though not large, is yet sufficient to enable us to take this important step."



#### DOWN IN DIXIE.

PILGRIM.—Is this the one o'clock train?

TICKET AGENT.—No; this is last Tuesday's ten o'clock express. We're three days late now.

PILGRIM.—Well, if I take this, when will I get to Macon?

TICKET AGENT (*consulting table*).—You will get there day before yesterday evening, according to this table.

#### PUCK.

The young man almost imperceptibly tightened his grip, while his face betrayed a shade of anxiety.

"Yes, dear," he proceeded, carefully weighing his words; "and yet, when I say 'sufficient' I refer to a sum that does not mean any unnecessary display or ostentation. Our wedding must be necessarily a quiet one, — say in the afternoon, in the presence of a few friends, the flowers and carriages attendant on a church wedding being rather more than my slender purse can afford. I shall not, of course, be able to buy you a wedding present, or take you on a honeymoon trip; but this is immaterial compared to the great fact that we can get married. And now, my darling, tell me what you think about it."

The young girl detached herself thoughtfully from the embrace of the fervent one, who now regarded her with a look of the deepest concern.

"I think, dear," she said, simply, her slight form trembling with emotion, "that under the circumstances it might be well to wait three or four years longer."

#### ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.

PROSPECTIVE TENANT.—No; I have the same objection to that house as to the others. The cellar does not suit me.

AGENT.—Perhaps, Madam, I could find you a house without a cellar.

#### A REFORMER.

FIRST BOY.—What do they mean by school reform?

SECOND BOY.—Dunno! I wish it meant droppin' some of these things we have to study, and givin' us shorter hours.

#### HIS EXPERIENCE.

VISITOR (*in suburb*).—Do you find this a good location for a physician?

YOUNG DOCTOR.—Not particularly. They all know what to do for malaria, and they never seem to have anything else.

#### AT THE RESERVATION.

THE MISSIONARY'S WIFE.—And will not Laughing Water try to be like her white sisters?

LAUGHING WATER.—Laughing Water is trying. Laughing Water now has her feet cramped into moccasins that are three sizes too small.

#### HIS TEST.

SHE.—Now, that is imitation lace, but you could n't tell it from the genuine article?

HE.—I could tell it at once.

SHE.—How?

HE.—By the price.

#### THE AIR, AND ITS USES.

"The air is indeed dreadful in our flat. But there is a park near, where we may go to inflate our bicycles."

#### POSSIBLY.

DRAMATIST (*wearily*).—I tell you if William Shakspeare were alive to-day, he'd find it difficult to get his plays read.

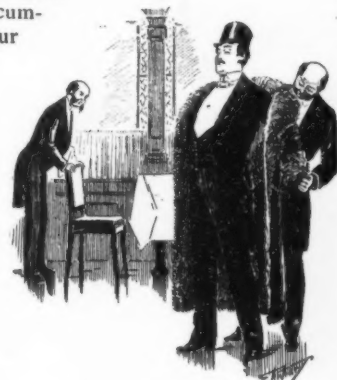
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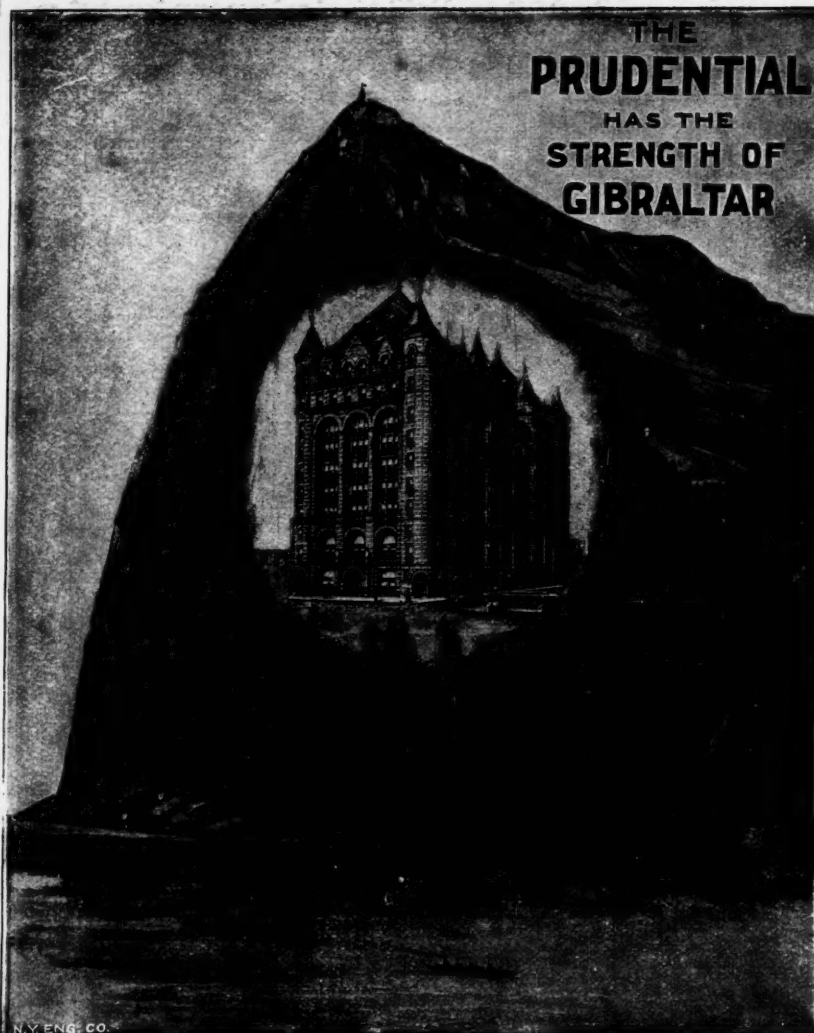
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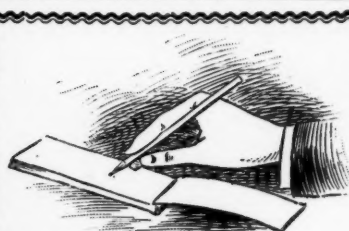
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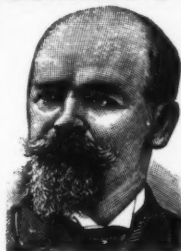


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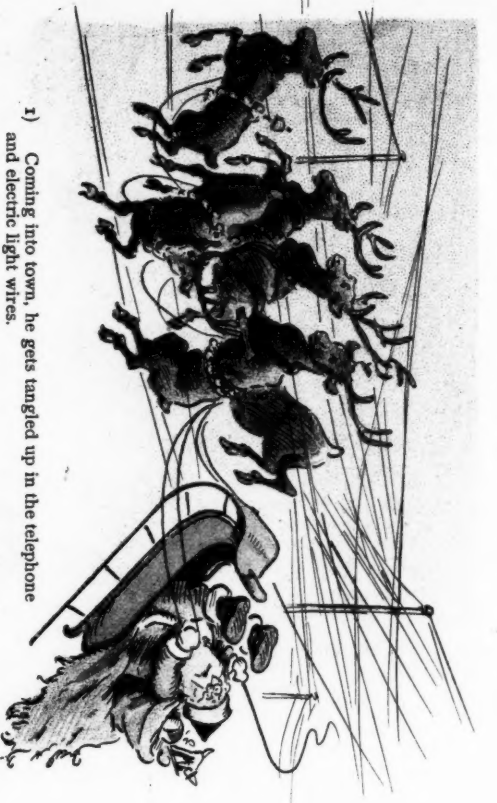
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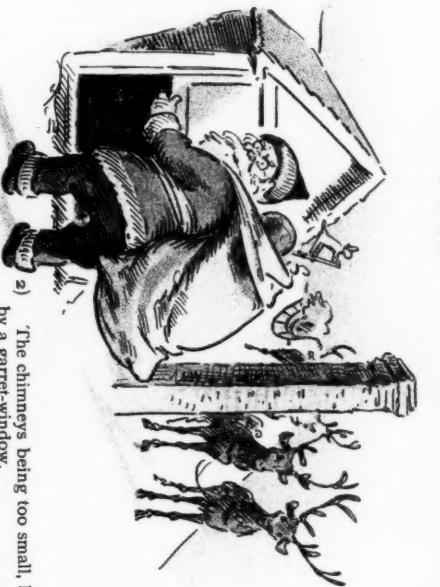
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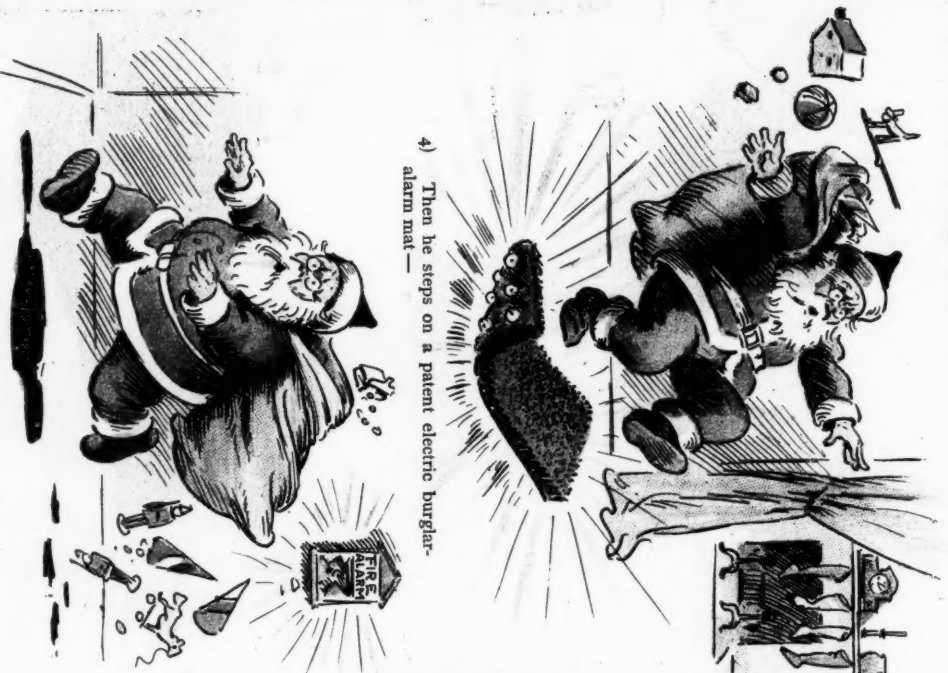
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2) The chimneys being too small, he has to enter the house by a garret-window.

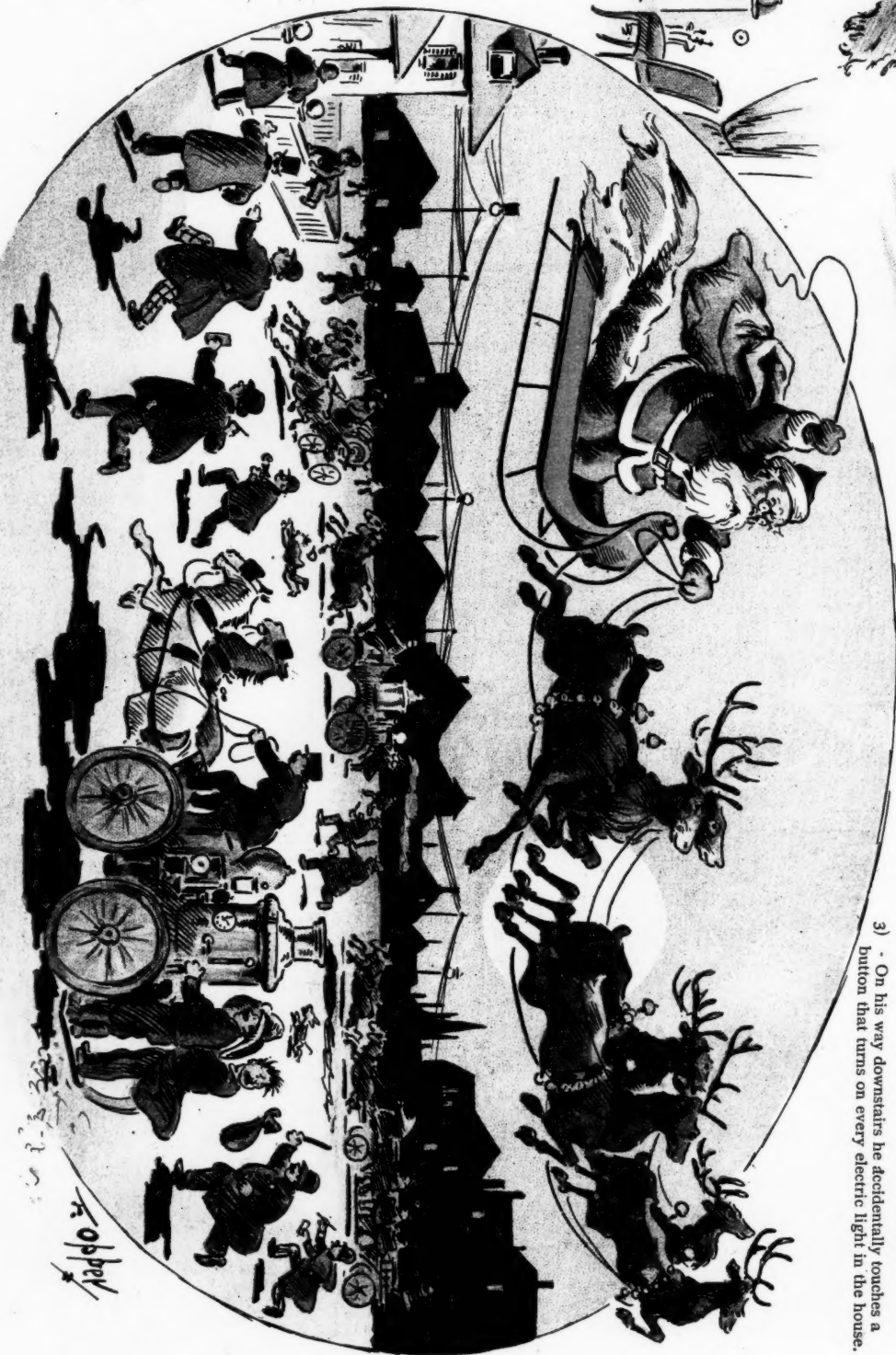


3) - On his way downstairs he accidentally touches a button that turns on every electric light in the house.



4) Then he steps on a patent electric burglar-alarm mat—

5) And, in trying to escape, he sets off the fire-alarm.



6) He gets out of Uptodateville as fast as possible;—just as the firemen, policemen and reporters begin to arrive.

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